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Investigator: RAMIREZ, ROBERT RICHARD

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Supervisor: MARTINEZ, ENEDINA R (2066)

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## 26. Raquel Borrego

3804 Casa Blanca Lake Rd

Laredo, Texas

Being held hostage with female Grimmer.

## 27. Ramie Grimmer

301 Int'l Lot 2-BC

Laredo, Tx

Deceased person; shot and killed by mother Rachelle Grimmer.

## 28. Timothy Grimmer

301 Int'l Lot 2-BC

Laredo, Tx

Deceased person; shot and killed by mother Rachelle Grimmer.

## 29. Det. Michael Wu

4712 Maher

Laredo, Tx.

795-2860

Assisting on case and interviewing witnesses.

## 30. CSI Alfredo Guerrero

4712 Maher

Laredo, Tx.

795-2800

Assisting on case and recovering evidence.

## 31. Lt. Nick Litchenburger

4712 Maher

Laredo, Tx.

795-2860

Watch commander on scene.

## Details:

1. On Monday December 5, 2011 at approximately 4:39 pm a distress call came in via radio of a female dressed in camouflage armed with a gun standing in the lobby of 3804 Casa Blanca Lake Road (Texas Department of Human Services). Several officers responded to the call along with a patrol supervisor. Radio communication operators received two 911 calls that a female walked into the building and she was armed with a black handgun.

2. Officers Lerma and Sotello first on scene, along with Sgt C. Adan confirmed that they had a female armed with a handgun inside the building and had one male adult (Sergio Reyes) held as hostage. Officers stated that they could see

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the female with two children (Timothy and Ramie Grimmer) barricaded inside a room armed with a black handgun revolver. Officers stated that female was pacing up and down and once she notices the officers present, she slid several documents (about 30 pages) under the door containing information about police corruption with the FBI. Officers stated that she later slid several more papers that she wanted for the police to give to the media about the corruption with the other outer state law enforcement agencies. Sgt. C. Adan would end up making phone contact with suspect identified as Rachelle Grimmer. Sgt. Adan maintained contact with her until hostage negotiators could take control. Officers Valeria Mora, Francisco Estrada, and Luis Pena arrived shortly after to assist on securing the building and crowd control. Building would be completely evacuated and taken over by Laredo Police Officers, Hostage Negotiators, Patrol Supervisors, SWAT Commander, and SWAT Team.

3. Detective Ramirez who was working under CAPERS that day heard the call and immediately responded to the SWAT room and tactical geared up for a possible call out to this location. Detective Ramirez, who is a team leader for SWAT, would eventually arrive on scene at 5:34 pm with an entry team of 4 waiting outside the outer perimeter to the building by SE corner waiting for instructions from SWAT Commander Sgt. Lombrana, who was already on scene.

4. Detective Ramirez would be briefed by Commander Sgt. Lombrana that the female Rachelle Grimmer is barricaded inside a control room locked with an electronic key pad and has one male hostage by the name of Sergio Reyes who is a supervisor for the Department of Human Services. Commander Lombrana stated that Sergio Reyes volunteered himself to be taken as hostage, in release for several female co-workers (Laura Canales, Patricia Zamora and Raquel Borrego. Lombrana stated that female is upset with the FBI for not believing that her ex-husband is involved with the KKK or some type of white supremacist group. She is also upset that the Human Services have not provided her with any assistance, such as food stamps for her and her children. Lombrana stated that she is armed with a black revolver and has her two children inside the barricaded room with her as well. Lombrana stated that hostage negotiators are talking with her and that entry team would enter the building and establish visual contact only. Commander Lombrana provided Team Leader Det. Ramirez with an entry code to the barricaded room and was order to stand by and not breach until instructed.

5. Team Leader Det. Ramirez established eye contact with suspect and children, who were within 15 feet away from entry team. Entry team list as followed: 1) point man/team leader Det. R. Ramirez, 2) cover man Det. Guillermo Donna, 3) cover man Det. Joe Estrada, and 4) rear guard Officer Alex Aguilar. Assistant Commander for SWAT Walter Gonzalez arrived and took cover man Det. G. Donna's position. G. Donna who is a sniper with SWAT was ordered by Walter Gonzalez to take position in a dark room facing right in front of the barricaded room about 40 feet away to see if he could get visual on suspect and hostage with his high powered scope. Unfortunately Det. G. Donna could not get a clear sight on suspect, children, and hostage due to blinds concealing them.

6. Around 7:45 pm hostage negotiators negotiated the release of victim Sergio Reyes. SWAT Team was order to stand down and stay clear from the barricaded room dropping back about 50 feet. Reyes exited the room and



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Commander Lombrana waived him down to go over to the control room. Reyes provided Intel to the team that she was armed and had the gun next to her lying on the computer desk. Reyes stated that she never pointed the gun at him directly, only up in the air or waiving it around the room when she got upset talking with the hostage negotiators. Reyes stated that there was a wall dividing the room into two small rooms with a walk path in front by the door leading to both rooms.

7. As we waited for further instructions, Team Leader Det. Ramirez ordered his entry team to stand down to avoid fatigue and take turns keeping a visual on the door and suspect inside the barricaded room. Team Leader Det. Ramirez took the first 30 minuet watch as the entry team rested and hydrated. Det. Ramirez would end up making eye contact with Timothy Grimmer and would sign language with him that everything was going to be okay, giving him thumbs up. Timothy would respond back and give thumbs up as well and smile. Det. Ramirez could see Ramie Grimmer on the computer laughing and smiling as she was apparently viewing something or communicating with someone. Ramie was sitting on her mothers lap and every once in a while Rachelle Grimmer would duck her head down from the computer monitor to see where the SWAT team was.

8. Team Leader Det. Ramirez during his break assisted Assistant Commander Walter Gonzalez in trying to put eyes into the barricaded room. SWAT member Joe Estrada stood watch on the barricaded room. The team cut out a hole in the adjacent room but could not get through the wall to the barricaded room. It was later learned by Det. Ramirez that there was a wooden bookcase preventing the team from cutting through the wall. Team decided to remove the wafer boards from the ceiling to see if we could get a view from the top. Perimeter SWAT member Luis Maldonado who was not in tactical gear stood guard on top of the ceiling standing over a file cabinet. Assistant commander Walter Gonzalez took a wafer board outside the building to test and see if the tear gas gun would penetrate through the board. This was another option the team was looking at in case we had to tear gas them out into surrendering without casualties.

9. The penetration through the wafer board was a success and the team had another option to go with. Due to cold winds outside some of the tear gas sneaked into the building and Ramie Grimmer goes on to post on Face book; tear gas seriously. Her grandmother Nancy Harrop would reply back; I'm here for you guys, no reason to be afraid (see Face Book letters). Team leader Det. Ramirez would stripped down from his tactical gear and climbed up to the ceiling from the adjacent room and pierced an optical wire camera through the wafer board. However, Assistant Commander Walter Gonzalez stated that there was no view of room that everything appeared dark. Det. Ramirez geared up again with tactical attire and went to relieve SWAT member Estrada.

10. Note that every time the team would try to get eyes (visual camera) into the barricaded room Timothy would alert his mother. Team would have to stop cutting through the wall and ceiling until the team would hear Rachelle Grimmer arguing with hostage negotiators over the phone. At that point it appeared not to have bother or concern her that SWAT was trying to place a camera in the room. She never told negotiators to tell the SWAT team to back off or what were we trying to do.

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11. Team Leader Det. Ramirez and Walter Gonzalez approached the door and placed a pole camera by the glass window where the blinds were partially open. Timothy was alerting his mother that the team was placing a bomb and Det. Ramirez quickly signed language Timothy that it was a camera. Timothy looked on curiously and Det. Ramirez gave Timothy a wink and thumbs up. Timothy responded back with thumbs up and the team experienced no suspect encounter. The pole camera placed came to no avail due to the angle being placed on the floor. The team could not get a visual inside the room.
12. At no time did Team Leader Det. Ramirez felt that the children were endanger, as they appeared happy and not bothered that they were in a barricaded room with their mother armed with a gun. Timothy was allowed to roam around the room, play with the blinds, peek out, and even allowed to communicate with Det. Ramirez. Ramie, who sat on her mothers lap most of the time, was allowed as well to walk around. She was always smiling and laughing. Team Leader Det. Ramirez thought worst case scenario that Rachelle Grimmer would probably take her own life, leaving her children behind to see her kill herself.
13. Team Leader Det. Ramirez would observe around 10:00 pm Timothy by the glass window more often as boredom began to step in. Ramie would post on Face Book that she was bored. Timothy appeared tired and signaled Det. Ramirez that he was hungry. Det. Ramirez signaled that if he was thirsty as well. Timothy would then slip U. S. Currency under the door (\$25.00) and a sheet of paper. The paper would later be a food list of what he wanted to eat. Timothy was signaled by Det. Ramirez to wait for a little while and that Det. Ramirez was going to pay for their food. Timothy smiled and gave thumbs up.
14. Team Leader Det. Ramirez then contacted Commander Sgt. Lombrana and advised them of the situation. Sgt. Lombrana stated that the negotiators are denying them food and are going to turn off the computer. Team Leader Det. Ramirez alerted the team to stack up and be ready to breach. Team was alerted of the situation and to be ready if suspect get hostile.
15. At approximately 11:00 pm negotiators cut off the internet to the computer and Rachelle Grimmer became very hostile. Entry team was alerted by Commander not to breach the door. Negotiators felt that they had control of the situation and that they were expecting to last all night until the morning hours. The children at no time appeared to be in any danger, since the mother was not taking her hostility out on them.
16. Team Leader Det. Ramirez then contacted Commander Sgt. Lombrana and advised them that the team had lost visual of the children and suspect. The room was now dark and entry team could not see children and suspect anymore. Sgt. Lombrana was then advised that entry team was going to take out the hall light, so suspect could not see the entry team as well. Det. Ramirez provided cover for the team with the bat shield and SWAT member Det. Sergio Mendiola disconnected the hall light.



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17. Assistant Commander Walter Gonzalez then advised Sgt. Lombrana that we needed some type of light in the room to see suspect and children. Sgt. Lombrana advised that Sgt. C. Adan was going to place his unit by the window and aim the takedown lights through the window. Rachelle Grimmer got extremely upset and was demanding for the lights to be turned off. Because of the wall that separated both rooms, we still could not see inside the room. Sgt. Adan tried to adjust the lights but still the tactic was to no use. Rachelle was getting hostile and began to argue with hostage negotiators. She began to shout that she wanted the police of the roof and Team Leader Det. Ramirez advised Commander Lombrana that no one was on the roof. Rachelle began to argue more with the hostage negotiators and then at approximately 11:50 pm the entry team heard 3 shots fired. Det. Ramirez saw three muzzle flashes and advised via radio to check on the safety and well being of Sgt. Adan. Sgt. Adan stated via radio that he was not injured nor shot at and then Det. Ramirez could hear sobbing and moaning. Sgt. Lombrana was advised but hostage negotiators were advising him to tell the team not to breach. Seconds later Det. Ramirez advised again that he only hears moaning and that the entry team needed to breach. Sgt. Lombrana took control and gave the go ahead to breach the door.

18. Once we breached Team Leader Det. Ramirez saw all three subjects down on the ground covered in blood. Det. Ramirez then saw Timothy move and tried to sit up. Det. Ramirez immediately attended to him and held him in his arms applying pressure to what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. Det. Ramirez could see Rachelle Grimmer lifeless as she lay in a puddle of blood. The black .38 revolver is next to her as she appeared to be dead. Ramie Grimmer also appeared to be lifeless as she also lay in a pool of blood. Timothy attempted to sit up again and Det. Ramirez told him not to move that help is coming. The rest of the entry team began to clear the room throwing chairs and desk out of the way for paramedics. Det. Ramirez assisted first paramedic on scene in stabilizing Timothy on a back board. He was then taken out of the room. Det. Ramirez checks the carotid pulse on Rachelle Grimmer and she had no pulse. When the entry team moved the computer desk to check Ramie Grimmer, she began to make a gurgle sound after Det. Ramirez moved her from a fetal position to straight on her back with the assistance of paramedics. Ramie was stabilized by paramedics on a back board and taken out of the room. Paramedics G. Vasquez and F. Fernandez placed the EKG on Rachelle Grimmer and she had no vital signs. Rachelle Grimmer was dead taking a gun shot to her throat ending her own life and seriously injuring her two children. Paramedics would end up giving the EKG strip to Det. Ramirez.

19. After the children were rushed to LMC and eventually air lifted to University Hospital in San Antonio, Texas with ER Doctor Michael Corneille (210-358-2488) Det. Ramirez was relieved from SWAT and was assigned to case as lead detective to the homicide death of Timothy and Ramie Grimmer. ID Officer Lanier was called in to process scene with the assistance of CSI Guerrero. Both officers were instructed to take individual photos and to sketch the crime scene with measurements. CSI Gonzalez arrived on scene to assist CSI Guerrero with recovered photographed evidence.

20. At approximately 12:51 am Det. Richard Reyes interviewed Sergio Reyes, Patricia Zamora, and Elizabeth Martinez at LPD. Sergio Reyes goes on to state that he received a phone call from Zamora that Grimmer was in the lobby armed

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with a gun demanding to speak with Martinez. Sergio Reyes stated that Grimmer was upset because Martinez denied her benefits, but he convinced her to release Zamora, Borrego, and Canales from the office of Zamora. Sergio Reyes told Grimmer that as supervisor for Martinez, he could get her problem taken care of. He was able to convince Grimmer to let the three females go, so they can begin to process her work. Sergio Reyes stated that Grimmer was upset because she was denied benefits everywhere she went and that the "Neo Nazis" and the "Russian Mafia" had something to do with her getting denied service (see video & 4 pages recovered by Det. Ramirez).

21. At approximately 2:15 am Elizabeth Martinez who was not at work today, came in on her own free time to state that she denied Grimmer services due to incomplete paper work. Martinez stated that Grimmer failed to bring proof that she is no longer receiving benefits or child support from her ex-husband. Martinez stated that Grimmer would only bring partial paper work in and that is why she was denied services. Martinez stated that Grimmer expressed to her that she was very upset and felt that she was not being treated fair during their last session (see scan documents provided by TDHS).

22. At approximately 2:35 am Patricia Zamora stated that she saw Grimmer come into the building with her two children and come into her office wanting to speak to Martinez. Zamora stated that at that point Laura Canales came into her office to offer Grimmer help when Grimmer brandish a black revolver gun. Raquel Borrego also unaware walked into the Zamora's office and Grimmer demanded for Borrego to call Elizabeth Martinez and told Canales to call the paramedics. Zamora stated that she pretended to call Martinez and ended up calling her supervisor Sergio Reyes.

23. At the crime scene Dr. Stern would arrive to take Rachelle Grimmer to the Webb County Morgue. A full autopsy would be done by Dr. Stern on cause of manner of death to Rachelle Grimmer.

24. On Thursday 12-8-11 at approximately 1:30 pm Det. Ramirez met with Nancy Harrop, the mother or Rachelle Grimmer and with Donald Harrop, the brother of Rachelle at LPD. Both drove down from San Antonio, Texas to pay their last respects to Timothy and Ramie Grimmer who eventually passed away. Nancy Harrop stated that Timothy would be taken off life support today in the evening upon fathers visit Dale Grimmer. Harrop stated that then Ramie would follow the next day. Nancy and Donald stated that they left early to avoid Dale Grimmer, who is extremely upset with everyone and blames everyone but himself. ME for Bexar County K. Inocente stated that Ramie Grimmer was pronounced dead on Wednesday 12-7-11 at 18:51 by Dr. Brian Froehlich and Timothy was pronounced dead at 17:38 by Dr. Curtis Froehlich on Thursday 12-8-11.

25. Nancy Harrop goes on to state to Det. Ramirez that she would never have imagined her daughter taking her life and never imagine taking the life of her children that she loved so much. Harrop goes on to state that Rachelle attempted suicide before on her first marriage when she had a miscarriage. Harrop stated that she took several pills and ended up in the hospital. Harrop stated that after that she rebounded from suicide intentions and believed that God wanted her to



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stay on Earth for some unknown reason. Harrop stated that she eventually got divorced and married Dale Grimmer, an old high school friend. She stated that Rachelle ran away once when she was a juvenile and stole her car. She stated that it was Dale Grimmer who was caught with her in her stolen car. Several years later down the road they reconnect and get married to have Ramie and Timothy. Nancy goes on to describe her daughter as smart and artistic. She stated that Rachelle had gotten a full scholarship to attend college or a partial scholarship to attend an art college but that she denied them both. She goes on to state that Rachelle had a rough child hood and was sexually molested by her Grandfather, which was Nancy Harrop's father. Nancy Harrop stated that her self esteem never seemed to be extremely high as a go getter. She states that she was always creative with her hands and was a good survivor if stuck in the woods. Harrop stated that Rachelle was very capable in using a gun. She stated that Rachelle grew up around guns for the reason that her and her husband was firearm instructors. Harrop goes on to state that about 7 years ago Rachelle divorced Dale and moved around a lot. She stated that she would go wherever she could find work. She stated that her daughter picked up a trait as an electrician and would travel a lot to find work taking the children with her. Nancy Harrop stated that she herself would travel a lot with her husband before he was killed at work on an accidental job. Harrop stated that her husband worked for a mining company and were always traveling. She stated that before Rachelle left Dale Grimmer, they would stay at her home house sitting for them living debt free. However, Nancy stated that once she saw that Dale was a dead beat and would not make any attempt to make something with his life for Rachelle and the children, she threw them out. She stated that is when Rachelle would eventually leave Dale and begin to work for her and the children. Harrop stated that Rachelle grew distant from everyone after having a bad fight with one of her aunts (Nancy Harrop sister). Nancy stated that her sister would tell her to quit taking care of Rachelle and her kids and that Rachelle was just living off her. Nancy Harrop stated that since then, Rachelle became very strong will and would not accept any help from anyone anymore. She stated that she begin to have problems with her life falling apart, such as her vehicle being constantly vandalized and her food stamps interrupted for two weeks or more, and not getting child support from her ex-husband. Rachelle believed that it was her ex-husband Dale doing these things and that Dale was part of a white supremacist group (KKK). She stated that she reported him to the FBI and the police up north but that nobody assisted her. Harrop stated that her daughter would just get up and leave every time she felt that someone was following her. She stated that she was living with her before she learned that she was in Laredo, Texas. Nancy Harrop stated that she knew that Rachelle was eventually going to move to Laredo, Texas because she came in May of 2010 to look around the city and told the children that they would be going to Trautman Elementary. Harrop stated that when Rachelle and her brothers were young children that her husband and her came to Laredo, Corpus Christi and the valley to work. Nancy stated that sometime in May Rochelle got up and left taking the children with her. She stated that before leaving she helped her buy a 1985 Ford truck and a 1975 Flee RV. Rachelle would eventually drive to Texas in this Ford towing the Flee RV.

26. Rachelle Grimmer would first stop in Corpus Christi, Texas where she and the children would live on the beach by a trailer park in the month of May. She would eventually start to work at Barnicle Hills Pier House and Grill. Grimmer worked there for about two months before having a disagreement with the management over her hours worked. Before the fall out with the manager, Ms. Karen Salazar (469- 417- 8498) a co-worker would describe Grimmer as a loving



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services. Complainant believes that her ex-husband has contacts throughout the U.S., in numerous state agencies, which he then uses to deny her and her children these social services. Complainant also believes that individuals living in Hillside, New York; Hilltop, Ohio and Hillside neighborhood in Laredo are all related, and are all anti-Mexican Mafia.

The FBI has no investigative records and has not initiated any investigations on Dale Grimmer DOB 7-21-1966. However, Detective Ramirez ran a CCH on Dale Grimmer which was entered into my report. He has several prior arrests before being with Rochelle Grimmer (see CCH).

30. On Friday 12-16-11, Dale Grimmer made contact with Det. Ramirez around 1:00 pm. Grimmer stated that he was married to Rachelle for about 5 years and had Ramie and Timothy with her. He stated that they got divorced in a peaceful manner after she wanted the divorce. He stated that he granted her the divorce and gave her everything she wanted in the settlement. Dale stated that he left out of town to work and would see his children every once in a while when he was in town. When asked about the \$16,000.00 he owed her and the children in child support, he claims that he lost his job and did not worked for two years. Dale states that he has been paying child support again to Rachelle sometime in 2009 and has been paying ever since. However, Dale blames the system for his children being murdered by their mother. He states that if only the Attorney General would keep him updated where his children where or if the Adult and Child Protective Service would check on them, they would of learned that she was mentally ill and the children were suffering. Detective stated to Dale that if this was something he had documented, or is this just his personal feelings and opinion on his ex-wife. Dale was also not too pleased when Detective Ramirez told Grimmer that it was actually his responsibility to keep in touch with his children, and not the AG. If ex-spouse refuses to go by the guidelines set by the divorce decree or the AG, it was up to him to take her back to court with the AG filing a complaint with them. However if he wanted faster response, he would have to hire a personal attorney to get things down faster. Dale's response was that it would cost him about \$3,000.00 to get an attorney. Det. Ramirez stated to Dale, "Small price to pay for two beautiful children", if you really believed that they were in actual danger that was life threatening. Det. Ramirez even advised him that he could have gone to any law enforcement agency and makes an outcry that your children were endanger. Dale was advised that a welfare status check could have been done by any law enforcement agency. Dale stated that he has and that the only police agency (up north) that helped him would not check on her regularly. Dale stated that Rachelle would move around a lot and he could not keep in contact with her until sometime last year in 2010. Dale stated that he is now going to change things with the AG because they should have told him where his children were and not asked him if he was current with his child support. Dale stated that they had him as a dead beat Dad and would not help him. The conversation ended with detective giving his condolence to his lost of two beautiful children and ended the conversation over the cell phone connection.